

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

1. (currently amended) A method of operating a communication network with a network management system,  
wherein said communication network comprises ~~a number of objects being an~~  
object stored in a database on a server, ~~and~~  
wherein said network management system is located on ~~the~~ said server ~~which and~~  
can be accessed by a client,  
~~wherein said method of operating the communication network comprises the~~  
~~transmission of data between the~~ said server ~~and the~~ said client transmit data  
over said communication network under the use of the in accordance with a  
Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA), and  
wherein said method comprising comprises:  
accessing, by said client, a descriptor for said object, wherein said descriptor  
is represented by using a definition for a struct which only that includes  
at least one an attribute but no operation;  
creating, on said server, a list of required structs based on a requirement of  
said client;  
sending said list from said server to said client; and  
processing, by said client, data represented by said list.

2. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 1, further comprising using a definition for an interface that only includes an operation but not necessarily any attribute.

3. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 2~~ claim 2, further comprising including a reference to said struct in said interface.

4. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 1~~ claim 1, further comprising sending data from said server to said client that in response to an instruction from the said client which that is directed to the said struct on the said server, results in sending data from the server to the client.

5. (currently amended) The method of ~~claim 4~~ claim 4 further comprising not storing the claim 4, wherein said data sent from said server to the client in response to an instruction from said client, is not stored on the said server.

6. (currently amended) A computer program for executing a method of operating a communication network with a network management system when run on a data processing system ~~such as a computer,~~

wherein said communication network comprises ~~a number of objects being an~~ object stored in a database on a server, ~~and~~

wherein said network management system is located on ~~the~~ said server ~~which and~~ can be accessed by a client,

wherein said method of operating the communication network comprises the transmission of data between the said server and the said client transmit data over said communication network under the use of the in accordance with a Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA), and

wherein said method comprising comprises:

accessing, by said client, a descriptor for said object, wherein said descriptor is represented by using a definition for a struct which only that includes at least one an attribute but no operation;

creating, on said server, a list of required structs based on a requirement of said client;

sending said list from said server to said client; and

processing, by said client, data represented by said list.

7. (currently amended) A communication network ~~with a network management system, wherein said communication network comprises a number of objects being,~~  
comprising:

a server that includes (a) stored in a database on a server with an object stored therein, and, wherein said (b) a network management system is located on the server which that can be accessed by a client, ~~and~~

~~wherein said communication network comprises the transmission of data between the said server and the said client transmit data over said communication network under the use of the~~ in accordance with a Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA), and

wherein said communication system facilitates a method comprising:

accessing, by said client, a descriptor for said object, wherein said descriptor is represented by a definition for a struct may be used which only that includes at least one an attribute but no operation;

creating, on said server, a list of required structs based on a requirement of said client;

sending said list from said server to said client; and

processing, by said client, data represented by said list.

8. (currently amended) A network management system for a communication network,

~~wherein said communication network comprises a number of objects being an~~  
object stored in a database on a server,

~~wherein said network management system is located on the said server which and~~  
can be accessed by a client, ~~and~~

~~wherein said communication network comprises the transmission of data between the said server and the said client transmit data over said communication network under the use of the~~ in accordance with a Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA),

wherein said network management system facilitates a method comprising:

accessing, by said client, a descriptor for said object, wherein said descriptor  
is represented by a definition for a struct may be used which only that  
includes at least one an attribute but no operation;  
creating, on said server, a list of required structs based on a requirement of  
said client;  
sending said list from said server to said client; and  
processing, by said client, data represented by said list.

9. (currently amended) An interface to a network management system of a communication network,

wherein said communication network comprises ~~a number of objects being an~~  
object stored in a database on a server,  
wherein said network management system is located on ~~the~~ said server ~~which and~~  
can be accessed by a client, ~~and~~  
wherein ~~said communication network comprises the transmission of data between~~  
the said server and the said client transmit data over said communication  
network under the use of the in accordance with a Common Object Request  
Broker Architecture (CORBA), and  
wherein ~~the said~~ interface comprises facilitates a method comprising:

accessing, by said client, a descriptor for said object, wherein said descriptor  
is represented by a definition for a struct which only that includes at  
least one an attribute but no operation;  
creating, on said server, a list of required structs based on a requirement of  
said client;  
sending said list from said server to said client; and  
processing, by said client, data represented by said list.

10. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 6, wherein said computer program is stored on a data carrier.

11. (currently amended) A computer program product for executing a method of operating a communication network with a network management system when run on a data processing system ~~such as a computer,~~

wherein said communication network comprises ~~a number of objects being an~~  
object stored in a database on a server, ~~and~~

wherein said network management system is located on ~~the~~ said server ~~which and~~  
can be accessed by a client,

~~wherein said method of operating the communication network comprises the~~  
~~transmission of data between the~~ said server ~~and the~~ said client transmit data  
over said communication network under the use of the in accordance with a  
Common Object Request Broker Architecture (CORBA), and

~~wherein said method comprising comprises:~~

accessing, by said client, a descriptor for said object, wherein said descriptor  
is represented by using a definition for a struct which only that includes  
at least one an attribute but no operation;

creating, on said server, a list of required structs based on a requirement of  
said client;

sending said list from said server to said client; and

processing, by said client, data represented by said list.

12. (previously presented) The computer program product of claim 11, wherein said computer program product is stored on a data carrier.